Johnson's Are On T.V.

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Lights! Camera! Action! These sounds could be heard coming from the Richard Johnson home as they were chosen to be the "stars" of a movie depicting "the most typical family in the state of Illinois," to be shown February 9, at 7 p.m. on channel 11.

The program, entitled "Man in the Middle," will be a weekly series. The film on the Johnson family will be the second film shown.

Rick Johnson, a junior here at Rolling Meadows High School, explained how his family was chosen. "They checked the income brackets of every city in the state" he cited "and Rolling Meadows hit the exact amount of the average income. So they decided to come here."

Once they did come to Rolling Meadows, they called various people, asked them who they thought would qualify for the most typical family, and came up with three different names. They interviewed each family twice, and, Rick said grinning "they decided on us."

The Johnsons — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson; Rick; Laurie, who is a freshman here at Rolling Meadows High School; and Jean and Nancy, who attend St. Peter's elementary school in Arlington Heights, were told to "act naturally, and if they felt like making any comments, at any time, to do so." They followed their normal, day-to-day activities, and were filmed in the process. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are shown paying the bills; the camera crew followed Rick to work, and then took the younger kids, Jean and Nancy, to school.

The crew left Saturday, January 8, for Florida, where they were scheduled to film something else. So life at the Johnsons has quieted down for the time being, but only until February 9, when they, and the city of Rolling Meadows, will be on nationwide television.